A.—Sri R. CHENNIGARAMAIAH (Minister for Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) This will be examined.

Sri N. R. SOMANNA.—Are not buses plying on the road ?

*Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—I have no idea.

Sri N. R. SOMANNA.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that this District Fund Road is in a bad condition ?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—This is a District Fund Road. It may not be in good condition.

Sri N. R. SOMANNA.—Will the Government consider metalling this road early ?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—It will be considered early.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Are the Government aware that it is a State Fund Road ?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—There is a proposal to convert it into the State Fund Road.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Is it not a State Fund Road ?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—Notice.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Are the Government aware that metal has been collected for the purpose of converting it into a metal road ?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—I do not know.

Government land granted to Messrs. Birla Bros., for Flax Cultivation.

Q.—438. Sri N. R. SOMANNA (Periyapatna).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether a large area of Government land in Periyapatna Taluk, Mysore District, was granted to Messrs. Birla Bros., for Flax cultivation ;

(*b*) if so, the extent of the area granted ;

(*c*) when was the land granted and on what terms ?

A.—Sri M. P. PATIL (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 18,250 acres.

(*c*) On 3rd May 1950 as per G. O. No. R. 1486-91—L.R. 177-4-10. The copy of the G.O. is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in the Legislature Library No. 21/LA. 1957.

Sri N. R. SOMANNA.—May I know whether any portion of the land has been brought under cultivation ?

*Sri M. P. PATIL.—About 300 and odd acres have been brought under cultivation.

Sri N. R. SOMANNA.—Have they cultivated flax there ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—Flax cultivation was tried but it failed.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—What is the benefit the Government have derived from this land ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—Sir, with a view to increase flax cultivation, those lands were given to a company. The Government have not done anything. The Company tried it and failed.

Sri A. R. BADRI NARAYAN.—Has the Government resumed the land now?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—That matter is under consideration. It is being actively considered.

Sri Y. VEERAPPA.—Was the land leased out on a long term basis to Messrs. Birla Brothers ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—On some considerations, the land has been permanently leased out.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—What are the penal clauses that have been contemplated for non-compliance with the conditions prescribed ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—The condition is that if the Company fails to cultivate flax, then the land can be resumed.

Mr. SPEAKER.—A copy of the Government Order is placed on the Table.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Has there been any violation of the conditions by the Company ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—Yes, Sir.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—What are the violations ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—They have not been able to cultivate flax.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ತಾರೇಗೌಡ.—ನರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಇಷ್ಟು ಎಕರೆ ಜಮೀನನ್ನು ಆ ಕಂಪೆನಿಗೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಎಷ್ಟು ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು ಬಂದವು ? ಅಪ್‌ಸೆಟ್ ಪ್ರೈಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟರೇ ಇಲ್ಲವೇ ಪುಕ್ಸಟ್ಟೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟರೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಪಿ. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಈ ಭೂಮಿ ಕೊಡುವ ಕಾಲಕ್ಕೆ 18,000 ಎಕರೆಗಳು ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಆರ್ಡರು ಆಗಿತ್ತು. ನಿಜವಾಗಿಯೂ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರತಕ್ಕ ಭೂಮಿ 12,054 ಎಕರೆ ಎಂದು ಕಂಡು ಬಂತು. ಇಷ್ಟು ಭೂಮಿಗೆ ರೂಪಾಯಿ 47,035-14-1 ಅಪ್‌ಸೆಟ್ ಪ್ರೈಸ್ ನಿಗದಿಯಾಗಿತ್ತು ಆ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಕಂಪೆನಿಯವರು ಕೊಟ್ಟರು.

Sri Y. VEERAPPA.—Was there any forest in the lands that were granted to Messrs. Birla Brothers ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—Yes. There were some trees in those lands.

Sri Y. VEERAPPA.—What happened to that forest ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—The condition is that the Company has to fell the trees and the trees would be removed by the Department.

Sri Y. VEERAPPA.—What is the amount realised the refrom ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—As a matter of fact, very few trees were felled by the Company and those trees have been removed. But in the major portion of the area it has not felled at all.

Sri Y. VEERAPPA.—The Hon'ble Minister has just now answered that they have imposed conditions on Birla and Brothers for violations. What is the action taken by the Government for violation under the rules ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—We are considering. The Company has applied for the relaxation of the conditions which are put in the agreement and those conditions are under consideration. But the thing is only recently, the Manager of the Company had come to me and he expressed a desire that he was prepared to return back the land on some conditions. He has made some proposals and those proposals are under consideration. If he has not complied with the conditions, those lands will be resumed.

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Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—May I know whether the Government ensured about the necessity of cultivating flax before allotting this land to the Company ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is a suggestion for action.

Sri Y. VEERAPPA.—Was it a direct transaction between the Government of Mysore and Birla Bros., or through any agency ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—I think the transaction was through an agency of M/s. Birla Bros. Sri Birla himself was not present personally.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Is it not a fact that when the Company did not grow Flax, they were required to grow foodcrops ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—The condition was, flax cultivation should be by rotation. When the flax was not grown the Company was allowed to grow foodcrops.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Is the Government aware that in the area that has been brought under cultivation only money crops like tobacco, etc., were grown ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—Some crops were grown there.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Does that not amount to violation of rules ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—It is so and the Hon'ble Member was dealing with that question at that time.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Is it not a fact that the Company have deposited Rs. 54,000 as an upset price?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—The upset price was. 47,036-14-1 and that amount has been paid.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Is it not a fact that after the deposit was made they were given compensation of land ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—Yes.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The Minister was pleased to say that the Company has put in some conditions to Government. What are those conditions?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—A copy of the agreement is placed on the Table of the House.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The Minister was pleased to say that they had made some fresh proposals. What are they ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—As far as my record goes, those conditions are not with me. Possibly the Hon'ble Member who was dealing that question might be knowing.